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1. The following information is based on personal observations [redacted] 25X1
2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are noted [redacted] and referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:
 - A. Wreck Being Salvaged
 - B. Anchorage on Arrival
 - C. Dropped Anchor in Berthing
 - D. Ore-loading Berth
 - F. Naval Installation; 15 PTC
 - G. Depot Ship
 - H. Shipyard
3. Approach Vessel [redacted] arrived in ballast and lifted 9395 long tons iron ore. Vessel's officers used EA Chart No 3893, corrected to June 1955, for navigation purposes in approaching port and found it satisfactory in every respect except for a new light located on Lotao chiao (point), whose characteristics were observed to be "flashing red every 6½ seconds." A wreck was being salvaged at position labeled designator A. Vessel arrived off harbor entrance and anchored 150845G Aug 55 at position labeled designator B. Pilot and three Sea Frontier Defense Guards boarded vessel at this position 150900G from a tugboat. Pilot spoke sufficient English to give commands to the helm and provided exceptionally good service. The same pilot boarded vessel 180744G and was discharged 180920G along with the three guards off harbor entrance.
4. Anchorages Vessel anchored first at position labeled designator B to await pilot. [redacted] this anchorage is over very poor holding ground. Vessel dropped an anchor again at position labeled designator C to swing into berth and in departing berth after completing cargo operations.
5. Harbor [redacted] This harbor is difficult to enter and leave for large vessels berthing at the ore-loading wharf. By dropping an anchor at

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position labeled designator C it is possible for a large vessel to negotiate the turn.

6. Controls Vessel departed anchorage under pilot 151024G and, after dropping an anchor again inside harbor to permit turning, vessel reached berth labeled designator D at 151134G. A control party boarded vessel at her berth immediately after she completed mooring and vessel's radio, radar, sextant, guns and ammunition, cameras, binoculars, and flares were placed under seal. Crew members were mustered amidships under guard while searchers made a careful search of vessel. [redacted] boarding officials thorough but more pleasant in their manner than those in the northern Chinese ports. The three Sea Frontier Defense Guards who had boarded vessel at anchorage on arrival remained on board vessel throughout her call and did not go ashore until vessel cleared harbor on departure. These guards were provided with a cabin and food while aboard vessel. One armed Chinese Army guard was posted at gangway on wharf at all times. No crew members were permitted ashore at subject port. Ore-loading wharf area is surrounded by a fence patrolled by four roving guards. The only gate to the wharf area is also guarded.

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8. Berth Vessel moored alongside ore-loading wharf at position labeled designator D. (See figure, sketch of berth.) This is the only berth associated with the ore-loading wharf, an earthen structure with a concrete facing. Depth of water alongside was estimated by source at 30'. Ore is brought to vessel by a continuous-belt overhead conveyor and deposited into holds by one spout. Vessel commenced receiving 9395 long tons iron ore cargo 160708G, loading was halted 161830G, loading was resumed the following morning 170712G, and loading was completed 171810G. Cargo loading required 22 hours, 30 minutes, and was accomplished at a rate of 417 long tons loaded per hour.

[redacted] cargo as "high grade" ore. Vessel loaded no supplies, drinking water, or bunkers. [redacted]

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9. Construction A building is under construction at ore-loading wharf (See sketch of berth). [redacted] this building which adjoins a volleyball court will house a club when completed. [redacted]

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10. Naval Installation A naval installation is located at designator F. [redacted]

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11. Coal-handling Facilities

[redacted] Description of ore-handling facilities is reported in paragraph 8 above.

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12. Naval Vessels

15 Chinese Communist PRC present in port.

[redacted] craft [redacted] were moored in slips alongside naval installation at designator F. A Chinese Communist depot ship providing logistic support for naval units present was anchored in harbor at position labeled designator G. No submarines were present at subject port 15-18 Aug 55.

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13. Merchant Vessels No merchant vessels were present at subject port during vessel's call.

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14. Shipyard [redacted] facility labeled designator H as a shipyard where PTC craft were being built.

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[redacted] It is noted that salvage work was in progress on wreck which obstructs harbor entrance at designator A. The number of PTC craft stationed at subject port has increased from eight as reported during December 1954 to 15 in August 1955, as reported herein. The description of the ore-loading facility and berth agrees with information previously reported.

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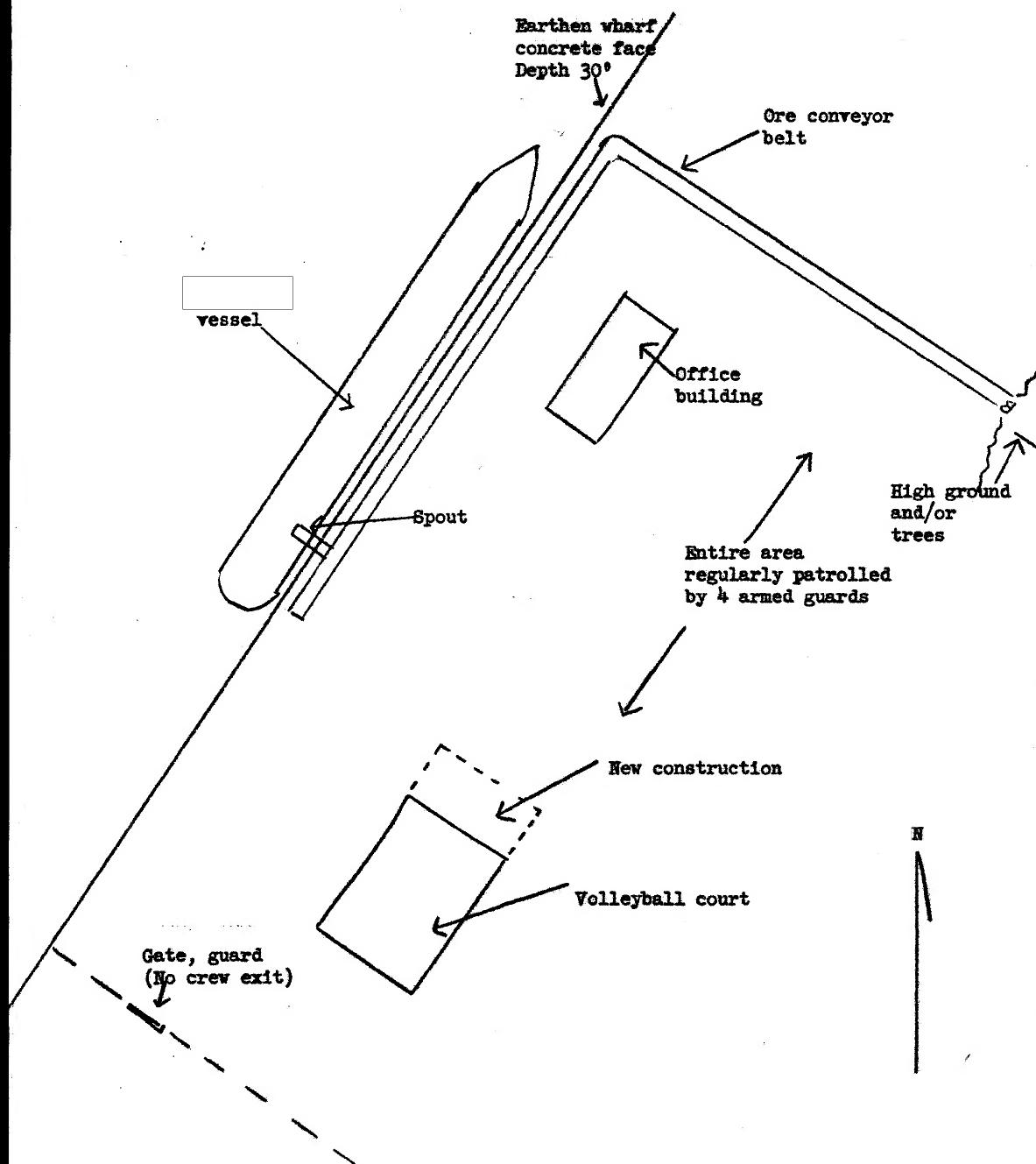
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